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SUBJ: BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG LANDTAG AGREES ON STAMMHEIM INVESTIGATION

REF: STUTTGART 1742, STUTTGART 1745

SUMMARY: BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG LANDTAG TODAY AGREED TO ONE WEEK MINISTERIAL INVESTIGATION OF STAMMHEIM PRISON SUICIDES BEFORE CONVENING PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE TO REVIEW SUICIDES AND CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THEM. END SUMMARY.

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2. AS A RESULT OF AGREEMENT AMONG THE THREE PARTY FACTIONS ALWST EVENING, THE BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG LANDTAG AGREED AT NOON TODAY TO ACCEPT FULL ONE-WEEK GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE SUICIDES OF THREE KEY TERRORISTS AT STAMMHEIM PRISON DURING THE NIGHT OF OCTOBER 17-18 (STUTTGART 1742; OTHER THAN A DECISION TO ACCEPT THE INVESTIGATION BE-

FORE CONDUCTING ITS OWN REVIEW BY A SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE, THE LANDTAG SESSION, WHICH WE OBSERVED, PRODUCED FEW ADDITIONAL FACTS REGARDING THE SUICIDES.

3. THE BRIEF SPEECHES BY ALL THREE PARTY FACTION LEADERS EULOGISED THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE BONN GOVERNMENT AND ITS CRISIS STAFF, THE SPECIAL COMMANDO RESCUE TEAM, AND CITED THE BRAVERY OF THE SACRIFICED LUFTHANSA PILOT. THE CDU AND FDP FACTIONAL LEADERS CALLED FOR UNITY AND ABSENCE OF POLITICAL POLEMIC DURING THE INVESTIGATIONS. SPD CHAIRMAN EPPLER SEEMED TO SOUND THE SAME NOTE UNTIL NEAR THE END OF HIS STATEMENT WHEN HE COULD NOT AVOID TAKING A CRACK AT THE CDU LIST OF CITATIONS OF PERSONS ALLEGEDLY "SOFT ON TERRORISTS", INCLUDING ONE CITATION ATTRIBUTED TO EPPLER HIMSELF. HE THEN STRUCK OUT AT MAYER-VORFELDER, MINISTER PRESIDENT FILBINGER'S TOP POLITICAL AIDE, FOR ALLEGEDLY SUGGESTING HEINRICH BOELL SHOULD EMIGRATE IF HE DIDN'T LIKE THE FRG ATMOSPHERE (STUTTGART 1972). THIS CAUSED A BIT OF A STORM ON THE FLOOR AND REBUTTALS BY CDU FACTION LEADER SPAETH AND FILBINGER, FOLLOWED BY A SHOWER OF LEAFLETS FROM THE BALCONY BY A "CITIZENS' INITIATIVE" REPRESENTATIVE.

4. DURING LUNCH TODAY, MAYER-VORFELDER APPARENTLY CLEARED UP ONE ASPECT OF THE MYSTERY -- I.E., HOW THE PRISONERS LEARNED OF THE LUFTHANSA RESCUE -- BY NOTING THAT A TRANSMITTER RADIO HAD ALSO BEEN FOUND IN ONE OF THE PRISON CELLS.

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IN ESSENCE, HOWEVER, THE NEXT HARD NEWS MAY HAVE TO WAIT FOR A WEEK, UNTIL AFTER THE MINISTRY INVESTIGATION AND DURING SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATION BY THE LANDTAG COMMITTEE.

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